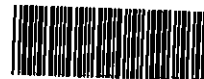


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**Date:** April 22, 1999  
**Subject:** Former American Glue and Resin Removal Site  
Middleton, Massachusetts  
**From:** Gilberto Irizarry, OSC, EPA Region I  
**To:** See Attached Distribution List  
**POLREP Number:** 4  
**Site Id No.** 016K  
**Response Authority:** CERCLA  
**NPL Status:** Not Listed  
**Start Date:** December 23, 1998  
**Completion Date:** N/A

**I. Site Information**

The Former American Glue and Resin site (the Site) at 40 School Street, in Middleton, Essex County, Massachusetts is a former glue manufacturing facility which consists of an unoccupied single-story concrete block building of approximately 10,000 square feet on a parcel of approximately 3.2 acres. Manufacturing operations ceased in the early 1990's. In September 1998, EPA and representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) identified approximately 500 labeled and unlabeled drums inside the unoccupied facility. Most of the drums appeared to be in very deteriorated condition and some were observed leaking contents on to the concrete floor.

For additional background information, please see POLREP No. 1.

**II. Response Activities**

**Week of 1 March 1999**

The ERRS crew cleaned three floor trenches located inside the building and segregated drums within the building into waste streams in preparation for disposal load out.

On Tuesday, 2 March, START collected 8 surface soil samples and one sediment sample from locations throughout the property. The samples were sent to EPA New England Regional Laboratory for analyses.

**Week of 8 March 1999**

The ERRS crew began the cutting and cleaning operations of four 3,000 gallon fiberglass above ground process tanks with residual product. The tanks were located inside the building and a

total of three tanks were completed during this week.

#### Week of 15 March 1999

The ERRS crew completed the tank cutting and cleaning operations. Also, the product lines associated with the tanks were drained and dismantled. In addition, ERRS crew pumped out liquid contents from the 30 cubic yard roll off container located in the rear of the property. The container was left by consultants hired by the property owner and was filled with drums containing product, as well as other debris.

#### Week of 22 March 1999

The ERRS crew began the removal of glue products from a 3,000 gallon steel above ground storage tank located outside the building and in the rear of the property. Clean out of the tank required confined space entry procedures by ERRS personnel. On Tuesday, 23 March, EPA Health and Safety Officer Robert Hinton was on-site to observe confined space entry procedures. In addition, the ERRS crew began clean out of sludge contents from a floor sump located in the northwest corner of the building.

On Friday, 26 March, ERRS awarded drum transport and disposal services to Clean Ventures Corp..

#### Week of 29 March 1999

Drum load out commenced during this week. A total of 358 drums, 12 cubic yard boxes, and one tank were shipped for off-site disposal during the week. In addition, the ERRS crew removed fluorescent light ballasts from light fixtures within the building and continued with the clean out process of the floor sump.

#### Week of 5 April 1999

Drum load out continued this week. A total of 71 drums were shipped for off-site disposal. The ERRS crew continued clean out of the floor sump.

Also, the ERRS crew began clean out of the 30 cubic yard roll-off container located in the rear of the property. Clean out of the container required confined space entry procedures by ERRS personnel. The roll-off contains a number of crushed steel drums with product and other debris like wood, rubber hoses and plastic.

On Friday, 9 April, ERRS collected 5 soil samples from test pit locations in the rear of the property. The samples were collected in order to evaluate potential soil contamination from areas known to be used as drum storage. The samples were delivered to an analytical laboratory procured by ERRS.

### Week of 12 April 1999

The ERRS crew continued clean out of drums and debris from the 30 cubic yard roll-off. In addition, the ERRS crew continued the clean out of sludge from the floor sump and a catch basin located outside the northwest corner of the building.

On Friday, 16 April, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Erin Heskett and MADEP representatives Steve Roberson and David Pulsata met at the site with OSC Irizarry to discuss the Removal Action progress and remaining tasks for the site.

### **III. Costs**

#### **Cost Information**

	<b>Ceiling</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
ERRS	\$500,000*	\$360,000	\$ 40,000
START	75,000	30,000	45,000
Contingency	115,000	0	115,000
EPA	100,000	22,000	78,000
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TOTAL:	\$ 790,000	\$412,000	\$278,000

\* EPA obligated \$400,000 to IT/OHM.

### **IV. Future Plans**

- 1) ERRS will continue roll-off container and floor sump clean out.
- 2) Load out for off-site disposal all remaining drums and waste generated from roll-off clean out.
- 3) Perform final clean out of the building and equipment, and demobilize from the site.

**CASE PENDING**

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